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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 10-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 10,13,14,16 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 11,12,15 and 17 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim's 10, 13, 14, 16 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zhu (US 6,100,863).

Zhu teaches a video picture with reduced moving pixel distortion (MPD). This method defines more than N subfields in order to represent 2^N gray scale levels. This results in some gray scale values being able to be represented by multiple subfield combinations, that is to say multiple code values. The mapping memory then maps the intensity value of each respective pixel into a respective member of the selected set of minimum MPD codes. This then forms the set of minimum MPD codes so as to minimize moving pixel distortion on the display device between successive frames (Column 2, lines 1-22).

As for Claim's 10 and 16, although Zhu fails to specifically teach the use of motion vectors, he does teach that MPD (motion pixel distortion) or changes in pixel values are considered and are noted as to duration (i.e. sustain). Since the use of motion vectors are part of the MPEG standard it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill to use them to comply with often used standard video compression.
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As for Claim 13, Zhu teaches the input data for each pixel consisting of a red, green and blue intensity value (Column 3, lines 7-10).

As for Claim 14, Zhu teaches a subfield divided into an addressing period, a sustaining period and an erasing period (Column 5, lines 10-17).

As for Claim 18, Zhu teaches the use of plasma display panels and a DMD display (Column 1, lines 6-12).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim's 11, 12, 15 and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Weitbruch et al. (US 6,717,558) teaches corrections of artifacts for plasma display panels. Lee (US 5,760,846) teaches the use of motion vectors for estimators. Saha et al. (US 6,310,918) also teaches the use of motion vectors estimators. Dijk (US 6,373,477) teaches methods for the plasma display panels as well.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patrick H. Cathey II whose telephone number is (703) 305-4909. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30 to 5:00 (Every other friday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Kelley can be reached on (703) 503-4856. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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